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Get measles jab for kids, say experts

PUBLIC health chiefs are urging parents to get their children immunised against measles.

Cases have been reported in south-east London, and although the number of cases is not on the same level as Swansea in Wales, it's a timely reminder that all children should be fully immunised.

The royal borough is now responsible for public health locally and health experts stressed that measles is highly infectious and should not be regarded as a 'harmless' childhood disease. They say it's often thought of as a disease from the past, but warn it can lead to death in severe cases, including for older children and adults.

The public health department issued the following advice:

- Parents should make sure that their children are fully protected against measles, mumps and rubella with two doses of the MMR vaccine.

- The first dose should be given at 12 months old and the second dose can be given three months later.

- It is never too late for your child to have the MMR immunisation if they have not had both (or any) vaccinations.

Cllr John Fahy, the royal borough's cabinet member for health, adults and older people, said: "Parents of unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated children, including teenagers, who may have missed MMR vaccination are recommended to contact their GP for vaccination. If you are unsure whether your child has had two doses of the vaccine, speak to your GP who will have a record."

• **Further information on measles and MMR can be found on the NHS Choices website www.nhs.uk**



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3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.
4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am, Bushmoor Crescent

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ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

The following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

May 8 - Highways Committee, 7pm

May 9 - Licensing sub committee C, 6.30pm; Overview and Scrutiny, 7pm

May 14 - Cabinet
More information on 020 8921 5130 or www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

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Greenwich Park may be fine, but the common is not looking so great

AFTER reading one of your headline stories about Greenwich Park being better than before the Olympics, the same cannot be said about Woolwich Common, which continues to look like a ploughed field. Do the people of Woolwich not deserve the same consideration as those of Greenwich? I recall promises being made by LOCOG and ODA that trees

would be replaced and the area re-instated. Are these undertakings not to be carried through? While Woolwich Common is not royal parkland it is still well used by many local residents and leaving it in its present state says a lot about the legacy and short shrift local residents appear to have received in this case.

Mr. R Charlton,
Woolwich Common

● THE responsibility for Woolwich Common has only recently been passed back to the Ministry of Defence from the ODA. The site will be restored to its former condition with the inclusion of new tree planting and landscaping. However, it will take time for the newly-planted grass to take and for an overall improvement in the appearance of the common.

Pic Spot... send yours to peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk



NICOLA WHITE: 'My daughter Grace, aged eight, took this by the Thames.'

Cross Quarter is good for Abbey Wood

I WAS very pleased to read that Greenwich Council planners have given the go-ahead for the Cross Quarter Abbey Wood scheme. Having recently moved to the area, I think there is a lot on offer with lots of

potential. Abbey Wood has good housing stock, cheaper than most of London, a frequent rail link to central London with easy access to the DLR, plus lots of lovely green open space nearby. With the regeneration this scheme will hopefully bring,

things can only get better especially if the 500 or so new jobs are offered to local people.

Miss Emily Jones,
Abbey Wood

● THE council aims to ensure that as many local people as possible get the jobs created.



Sofa so bad when dumped in the street

I WOKE up this morning and just down the road from my house someone had dumped an old sofa! Who are these people who feel it is OK to just dump furniture on the street?

A walk from my house to Plumstead railway station was like a walk around Ikea! First I passed the sofa, then further down the road someone had dumped half a bed. Then there was the ironing board (maybe this was dumped by some frustrated housewife who had finally had enough of ironing her husband's shirts?) and then there was the broken bedroom chest of drawers (with no drawers, actually!). Do these people not know that we have a perfectly good recycling site in Nathan Way? I am also fairly sure that if you ring the council they can collect large items. There is no excuse for making our streets look like a reject furniture store. Litter is a big enough problem in the borough without the added problem of fly-tipping furniture items.

Miss Anne Rowe, Plumstead

● THE council does have a bulky furniture collection service through the Customer Contact Centre on 020 8921 4661. There is a charge of £30 for up to three items but residents can also dispose of items free of charge at the recycling centre in Nathan Way. Dumping items on the highway is fly-tipping, which is a criminal offence as well as being selfish and unnecessary. Council officers always take enforcement action whenever they are able to identify perpetrators of envirocrime. Last year, a record 1,963 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) were issued for these types of offence.

Thank you for a marathon event

AS a society we are quick to complain but I'd like to say a big thank you to the people of London. As a competitor in this year's marathon the support and encouragement given by all who lined the streets was amazing. Their enthusiasm helped me not only to achieve a personal time

I didn't think was possible, but made it a day I'll never forget. The sights and sounds from everyone can only be really appreciated from those taking part and without your residents and businesses it wouldn't be the same.

Geoff Dixon, Bexhill-on-Sea

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Pupils' fundraising slumber party is a bed of roses

The big sleep



BAG A BED: pupils get ready for some shuteye

MORE than 100 girls slipped into their PJs for a mega sleepover party at school.

Pupils from Eltham Hill school organised the overnight event to raise funds and awareness for a campaign supporting education for girls in Pakistan.

Yr 10 students hosted the event for younger ones in years 7 and 8, and organised an action-packed evening of exciting things to do including a beauty boutique, disco, wacky science session and a treasure hunt.

The older students also cooked and served the younger ones before everyone settled in their sleeping bags for the night.

Pupils raised more than £500 to support 15-year-old Malala Yousafzai from Pakistan who was shot in the head for being a leading voice for girls' education and the right of all children to go to school.

"I had so much fun. This experience will be the one of the highlights of school that I'll look back on," said Rafiat Aguda.

Caprice Anno-Barnieh added: "The sleepover really educated each and every one of us on how to plan an event to this scale while helping promote the importance of girls' education. It was awesome."

Eltham Hill principal Madeleine Griffin, said: "It was a successful evening of events that saw all the students working together. I am so proud of the girls who organised, managed and promoted the event and I am pleased that so many students took part to support such a great cause."

Bungalow for over 60s is our dream home

'IT'S just like we've won the lottery!' - that's the verdict of Colin and Jean Woodward, who have just moved into a newly-built bungalow under a pilot home exchange scheme for older people who no longer need their larger council houses.

Retired baker Colin and former Co-op cashier Jean spent 35 years in their former council house in Grenada Road, Charlton. But after their three children grew up and moved out they no longer needed their extra bedrooms. So they jumped at a royal borough scheme to free-up houses for larger families by enabling over-60s tenants to move into smaller, modern homes.

The couples say they are thrilled with their two-bedroom bungalow in New Eltham. Seven have been built by developers Lakehouse, and they come fitted with carpets and kitchen appliances.

Jean said: "The first time I walked in I just couldn't speak - we really didn't expect it would be anything like this. Everything has been specially designed with elderly people in mind - there's a low bath and all the wall switches are higher up and can be reached

without having to bend down.

"Everyone is so friendly, including neighbours who have lived here all their lives. I've got back trouble, and had to go up and downstairs on my hands and knees in our old house, so it's lovely to have a bungalow."

Colin added: "The council helped us move in. They supplied all the boxes, which we packed, and they were then collected and delivered by van to our new home. It's fully carpeted, we've got a cooker, a fridge and a washing machine, and even a garden shed. I'd say to anyone else offered a new home in the scheme - just take it."

The bungalows are the first in new council plans to make more efficient use of its housing stock. Cllr Steve Offord, the royal borough's cabinet member for housing, said: "We have plans to develop more sites like this to meet the growing need for housing in the borough."

"Tenants whose families have grown up and moved out will be able to move into a brand-new bungalow, while other families who need a larger house will benefit as well."

● **Details of other schemes at www.greenwich.gov.uk/homeexchange**

SETTLING IN: Colin and Jean Woodward share the washing up in their new home



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It means a single ticket from Greenwich to London Bridge on the Clipper is reduced from £6.50 to £4.30. GreenwichCard holders can also claim the discount on

'Cross River' tickets when they get on at any of the Royal Greenwich piers. Usually £3.90, GreenwichCard holders can make the journey for £2.60.

The discounts are on offer for a trial period from May 1 to July 31. Just show your GreenwichCard on board to claim your reduced fair.

The GreenwichCard offers discounts at a range of local attractions, shops and all leisure centres in the royal borough.

● Find out how to get one at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/greenwichcard

Have a go on the green

FANCY taking up bowls? Well, there's the perfect opportunity to have a go at the Tudor Bowls at Well Hall Pleasance on Wednesday, May 15, starting at 2pm. Don't worry about looking the part but do wear flat shoes - sandals are fine - to take care of the green. Bowls can be borrowed. Experienced bowlers are also welcome at what the club thinks are the lowest charges in the borough, and there's an attractive fixture list for the season.

● Anyone interested is welcome to call Bert Smith on 020 8855 8197 or Alf Roberts on 020 8301 1311.

Quiz nights boost for Mayor appeal

COUNCIL staff raised more than £1500 for the Mayor's charity appeal at two special Q&A events this month.

Thirty teams of six took part in the Mayor's Charity Quiz on St George's Day (April 23) in the public hall. They raised £1,000 for the Alzheimer's Society. Earlier in the month other staff members had raised £580 after a quiz night in the Earl of Chatham pub. The members of the Greenwich Younger Person's Network, which supports young staff members from 16-34, runs regular social and fundraising events and is supporting the Alzheimer's Society alongside the Mayor this year.

Free Valley event celebrates

A FREE day of entertainment at The Valley on Friday, May 10, marks the first anniversary of the borough's youth service being run by Charlton Athletic Community Trust, (CACT). Activities include a motorbike maintenance workshop, circus workshops, interactive digital arts facilities, indoor rowing, a digital music workshop, dance performances and lots more.

The event takes place between 5pm and 9pm and also includes a football tournament on the Valley pitch.

To register a team for the tournament, visit www.young-greenwich.org.uk/youngpeoplesday

Over the last year the youth service - working with 27 partner organisations - has recorded 92,000-plus attendances, with more than 5,000 young people accessing the service in total.

The service offers 88 regular sessions across the borough each week, covering eight different themes - digital media, skills for life, arts and culture, sport and health, volunteering, music and performing arts, careers and employment, and discovering



Royal Greenwich. Dave Berry, 95.8 Capital FM Breakfast Show presenter and Ambassador for the Royal Greenwich Youth Service (pictured above), is attending the event.

He said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to come and see what the youth service is all about. There is so much for young people to do and this event will hopefully highlight just that."

Marc Leckie, head of youth and social

Nautical but nice!

Cutty Sark hosts a pirate party to mark first year of restoration

AHOY there! The new-look Cutty Sark is celebrating its first anniversary with a pirate party and everyone's invited!

Her Majesty the Queen reopened the historic tea clipper, which was built in 1869, after a multi-million pound restoration last April.

And this weekend everyone's welcome aboard for a pirate party as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Events for the annual pirate party programme take place at the National Maritime Museum - and on board the ship for the first time this year.

A swashbuckling day of family games and activities runs from 11am to 6pm on Sunday, May 5 with a pirate treasure hunt and prizes for the best fancy dress.

Over at the National Maritime Museum there's music, storytelling, a chance to make a pirate party telescope and a pirate bandana.

The museum is hosting further family events for half term from May 27 to 31 and a continental market is due to

be held in Cutty Sark Gardens over the Bank Holiday weekend May 25-27.

Since it reopened on April 25 last year, Greenwich's most famous maritime treasure has won hearts from across the globe.

Around 350,000 visitors have climbed on board to admire the fantastic restoration work and see how the vessel looked in her heyday, when she broke speed records carrying tea cargoes from China.

The Cutty Sark has also been voted Outstanding New Tourism Project 2012 by the British Guild of Travel Writers.

Richard Doughty, director of the Cutty Sark Trust, said: "The ship has had a fabulous reception, exceeding our expectations."

"If you haven't been yet you simply must come and experience the revitalised Cutty Sark for yourself."

● Full details of the pirate party programme at www.rmg.co.uk/visit/events/pirate-party-13 or book tickets at www.rmg.co.uk/cuttysark or 020 8312 6608.



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youth service

inclusion at CACT, added: "We will recognise the achievements of the young people in a high profile event. A massive thanks must go to the council for allowing us to deliver this provision and to all of our partners who have helped us make the Youth Service what is today."

Cllr Jackie Smith, cabinet member for children's services, told GT: "Despite unprecedented levels of cuts in government funding to local authorities, the royal borough has been determined to protect its youth services, which play such an important role in helping young people to grow, express themselves, build confidence and to achieve, alongside opportunities provided through formal education."

"The partnership with Charlton Athletic Community Trust has enabled us not just to protect those services, but to expand and enhance them, and this is certainly something worth celebrating."

● **TO find out more, visit www.young-greenwich.org.uk or youngpeoplesday, call 020 8858 0626 or email press.officer@cact.org.uk**

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gadgets set to put a spring in your step. To enter visit the competitions page at greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk to answer a simple question. Competition closes at 12pm on Tuesday, May 14. View full T&Cs online. Follow @ShopGSP on Twitter and 'Like' Greenwich Shopping Park on Facebook to stay up to date with our latest offers, news and competitions.



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Experts help locals to work for themselves

by Dick Townsend-Smith

WITH paid jobs hard to find, many people are thinking of starting their own business.

But it's a big jump between having a good idea and turning it into a successful profit-making venture.

Greenwich mum-of-three Marie Davenport made the switch with the help of South East Enterprise (SEE). The business support agency runs a range of courses to help people who want to work for themselves with funding from the royal borough. Marie is a 'virtual administrator' and provides a range of office services to her clients, including secretarial support, word processing and diary management. She is also a qualified bookkeeper.

She told GT: "I started my own business, Marie Davenport Administrative Solutions, when I was made redundant in June last year. I have more than 17 years' experience in admin roles within several industries ranging from hospitality to manufacturing, and I started marketing myself as a 'virtual assistant' to small firms.

"A lot of small businesses and sole traders can't afford to take people on full-time, but they can use me for support as and when they need to, leaving them free to concentrate on generating income and growing their business."

Marie launched her business after going on the 'Get Ready For Business' course with SEE. She said: "After my redundancy I did a lot of legwork to find out about starting my own business, and spent hours researching it. But it was all covered on the course. I was given templates for things like business planning and managing cash flow. The financial advice was very good, and a business skills workshop gave me the tools and the knowledge to confidently write a business plan."

She added: "SEE is also helping me to get into social media, which could benefit my business, and I was invited to speak at a recent SEE event about my experiences.

"Overall, SEE has provided me with the practical support to start my business, but it has also provided encouragement and given me the confidence to succeed."

● For further details on the business start-up programme offered by SEE call 020 8305 2666, visit www.seenterprise.co.uk or the royal borough's business events page at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/BusinessEvents



Start up advice for stallholders

DO you have a good idea for selling from your own market stall, but don't know how to take it forward?

The council could help you get going with a free, half-day workshop it's running for budding entrepreneurs. The event will include advice on business planning, marketing, insurance and legal requirements, health and safety, and food hygiene.

● If you are interested in attending the workshop, e-mail your details to: business@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or call 020 8921 8687.

business



HARD AT WORK:
Marie Davenport in
her office at home

Cash help for unpaid carers

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A one-off personal payment is available, depending on how much and what sort of caring is provided. Most carers will receive £50 but in exceptional circumstances the payment can either be £250 or £500.

This payment is available to unpaid carers who regularly help an adult who has a

disability, long-term illness, mental health problems, drug or alcohol problems, or is older and struggling to live on their own.

Carers will also be told about support services that can help with anything from sorting out finances to dealing with stress.

● **To register as an unpaid carer and book a carer's assessment call the Contact team on 020 8921 2304. You can also contact the Greenwich Carers' Centre on 020 8301 8453/ 8459 for**

general advice. Cllr John Fahy, the royal borough's cabinet member for adults and older people's services, said: "Carers provide a very valuable service to their families and the community at large, despite many challenges."

"We need to enable them to continue to care. I support the provision of carer payments to recognise their work and I would encourage carers to get in touch with services to get further support."

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The owners enlisted the help of the Central Charlton Residents Association (CCRA) with the enticement of £30 John Lewis Vouchers to put forward a name for the new establishment. Over 40 names were put forward with the winner being Annie Galloway.

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TOGETHERNESS: David Doherty (centre) with some of the Meridian Sports and Social Club team that plays in the South London Alliance league, and inset below, players in a training session

A plan for all seasons

Footy team finds new pathway

by Peter Cordwell

PLAYERS at a football club that offers ideas for a more positive future are lined up to represent Nigeria in a prestigious soccer tournament in June.

Trials are being held at Meridian Sports and Social Club in Charlton to find players for the Nigeria Team UK, ahead of the African National Cup UK competition.

Head coach at Meridian, David Doherty is also in charge of picking the Nigeria squad. He's expecting up to 200 players from across the country for the try-outs as including 12 from the Charlton club who are eligible.

His Nigerian team are the holders of the African Nations Cup UK - beating Algeria 4-2 in the final last year - and will be hoping to retain the trophy in the final at West Ham's Boleyn Ground on June 15.

"We're having trials for Nigerian players on Sunday, May 5, and the bank holiday Monday, May 6, both at Charlton Park, the first at 3pm and the second from 9am," said David.

"Some players will be those who haven't made it as young professionals so they'll be looking to impress scouts from various clubs who will watch the games," the coach said.

David is also chief executive of Pathway Sports, a non-profit organisation he started last year to get young people away from anti-social behaviour and into sport.

"Pathway is all about giving young

people new chances in all areas of life, including education," he said.

"It was a revelation for me to give something back to the community and encourage young players to find themselves through sport, either to become a top player or make it as a coach or even a referee.

"We've had lots of problems since last June but now the squad is getting bigger and better.

"We have a team in the South London Alliance and, after speaking to the London FA, we're looking to start a younger team in the Selkent league next season."

The club has as many as 60 young people on the books and those not at school or college can train three times a week at lunchtime at the ground on Charlton Park Lane.

Getting the players to games is a big practical problem for David, who is looking for sponsors or funding for a minibus. Winning the African Nations Cup UK would be a big boost to the club's profile.

Meridian Sports regular, Mustapha, aged 20, is a midfielder who wants to make it professionally and is determined to be in the Nigeria team in June.

He said: "I don't mind where I play as long as I'm playing, and I'm hoping to impress in the African Nations Cup UK."

● **FIND out more at www.ptwgrp.com or call David Doherty on 07710 552492.**

A team with a difference...

JOHN Ratcliffe, company secretary at the Meridian Sports and Social Club - which has 45 clubs, from karate to Irish dancing and even its own church on a Sunday - is all for the team with a difference.

"David finds and develops skilful players who are yet to be recognised," said John. "He gets them together, gets them fit and gets them thinking of ways to improve their lives. It's no surprise to me that his other team are the holders of the African Nations Cup UK and it won't surprise me if they retain the trophy."

John, 59, a former headteacher, added: "What's pleasing for me is that our clubs reflect the whole of the local community that comes here for sports and social activities. It's becoming a fully-fledge hub for the Charlton area. Too often the different communities become isolated but here they come together and socialise under one roof, and we're all very proud of that."

● **VISIT www.meridiansportsandsocialclub.com**

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Regular activities

Thursday fortnightly 2nd, 16th & 30th May 11.00am-12.00pm
Knit & Natter

Children's Events

Tuesday 10.30am-11.30am – Messy Morning
Friday 10.30am-11.00am – Rhyme Time
Saturday 11.00am-2.00pm – Game On! Children's Board Games

Blackheath Library

Old Dover Road, SE3 7BT Tel: 020 8858 1131

Regular activities

Wednesday 8th May & 22nd May 9.00am-12.00pm –
Bramley & Greenwich Age UK Drop In Sessions
Wednesday 1st May & 15th May 10.00am-12.00pm
Coffee Morning for Older People

Children's Events

Monday 4.30pm-5.30pm – Brain Teaser Madness Hour
Tuesday 2.00pm-2.30pm – Baby Rhyme time
Wednesday 1st May 11.00am-12.00pm – Messy Morning –
make a Magical psammead wish mobile
Wednesday 8th May 11.00am-12.00pm – Messy Morning –
make a Magical Phoenix
Wednesday 15th May 11.00am-12.00pm – Messy Morning –
Spring craft session
Wednesday 22nd May 11.00am-12.00pm – Messy Morning –
Spring craft session
Wednesday 29th May 11.00am-12.00pm – Messy Morning –
Spring craft session
Fridays Songs & stories in Spanish 10.30-11.00am
term time only
Saturdays 4th May 2.00pm-2.30pm – Storytime – sessions
during May the theme will be Magical stories

Author event

Saturday 12th May 2.00pm-3.00pm – Anna Raverat will be
coming along to Blackheath Library to talk about
her novel 'Signs of Life'. Please ring 020 8858 1131
to reserve a place

Reading Group

11am group Thursday 2nd May 11.00am-12.00pm – discussing 'Me & Mine'
by Anna May Mangan
Evening group Monday 13th May 7.00pm-8.00pm discussing – 'My Soul to
Take' by Yrsa Sigurdardottir

Charlton Library

Charlton House, SE7 8BE Tel: 020 8319 2525

BRT – Monday am 10.00am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am – Library
Fun Club
Tuesday 7th May 3.45pm-4.45pm – Making Trains
Tuesday 28th May 10.30pm-11.30am & 3.45pm-4.45pm
– Grow a 'Grass Head Monster'

Story Time

Thursday 2nd May 2.00pm-2.30pm – Magical Story Time
9th May 2.00pm-2.30pm – Train Stories
16th May 2.00pm-2.30pm
23rd May 2.00pm-2.30pm
30th May 2.00pm-2.30pm – 'Here Comes the Sun' stories

Messy Morning

Friday

3rd May 10.30am-11.30am – Painting magical creatures
10th May 10.30am-11.30am – Decorating train shapes
17th May 10.30am-11.30am
24th May 10.30am-11.30am
31st May 10.30am-11.30am – 'Here Comes the Sun'
Baby Crafts

Reading Group

Thursday

30th May 11.00-12.00pm – 'Remarkable Creatures'
by Tracy Chevalier

Claude Ramsey Library

Thamesmere Leisure Centre, SE28 8DT Tel: 020 8310 4246

Children's Events

Wednesday 10.30am-11.30am – Baby Rhyme Time
Friday 10.30am-11.30am – Messy Mornings

Coldharbour Library

William Barefoot Drive, SE9 3AY Tel: 020 8857 7346

Regular activities

Friday from 2.00pm – Pop in 'Cuppa & a Chat'

Craft Taster Session:

May 14th 2.00pm-3.00pm – Mini Origami 'Teabag Folding
& Stamping'

Children's activities

Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm – Crafty Kids Club
13th & 20th May – Build the Tower of London
Tuesday 10.30am-11.30am – Messy Mornings
7th May – 'Magical Creatures' Bunting
14th May – Make a Beefeater
21st May – Make a Sun Visor
28th May – Make a Hand Print Sun
Friday 10.30am – 11.00am – Baby Rhyme Time
Saturday 11.00am – 12.00pm – Craft Club
4th May – May Mayhem
18th May – Sunshine Crafts

May Half Term activities

Tuesday 28th May 10.30am-11.30am – Sunshine Crafts

Adult Reading Group

Monday 20th May 2.00pm-3.00pm – 'Agnes Grey' by Anne Bronte

East Greenwich Library

Woolwich Road, SE10 9RL Tel: 020 8858 6656

Regular activities

Knit & Natter

Fridays

2.30pm-3.30pm – Supporting Battersea Dogs &
Cats Home knitting blankets for the animals.

Reading Group

Thursday

2nd May 7.00pm-8.00pm – discussing
'When God was a Rabbit' by Sarah Winman

On behalf of



Regular Children's activities

Tuesday 10.00am-11.00am - Messy Morning
Thursday 10.00am-10.30am - Baby Rhyme Time
11.15am-11.45am - Baby Rhyme Time

Edith Nesbit Festival

Tuesday 7th May 10.00am-11.00am -
Make your own 'Lift the Flap' railway train

Eltham Library

2 Archery Road, SE9 1HA Tel: 020 8921 3452

Regular activities

Wednesday 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month between
10.00am-12.00pm - Age UK Bromley & Greenwich
Advice Sessions in the foyer
Saturday 9.30am-10.30am - Little or no experience of using a
computer? Need a hand getting started? Then come
along to Eltham Library. Staff will be on hand to guide
you through the UK Online 'Learn My Way' course. Max
6 people per session

Children's Activities

Monday 10.00am-11.00am - Messy Morning
2.15pm-2.45pm - Baby Rhyme Time
4.30pm-5.30pm - Manga Reading Group in the Teen Zone
Tuesday 10.00am-10.30am - Baby Rhyme Time
2.15pm-2.45pm - Story Time
Wednesday 10.00am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am - Baby Rhyme Time
3.45pm-4.45pm - Crafty Kids Club
Thursday 11.00am-11.30am - Story Time
Friday 10.00am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am - Baby Rhyme Time
3.30pm-4.45pm - Family Fun, Board Games in the
Children's Library

Reading Groups

Tuesday 14th May 2.15pm-3.15pm discussing 'Song of Achilles'
by Madeline Miller

Olds café reading group Eltham Library

Thursday 16th May 6.45pm-8.00pm - Book title tbc

Sunday reading group at Eltham Library

Sunday 5th May 11.00am-12.00pm
Discussing 'The Beacon' by Susan Hill

Edith Nesbit Festival

Thursday 2nd May 11.00am-11.30am - Magical Story Time

Half term Activities

Monday 27th May 10.00am-11.00am - Messy Morning for Under
5's - 'Here Comes The Sun' Craft
Tuesday 28th May 2.15pm-2.45pm - Story Time 'Here Comes the Sun'

Wednesday 30th May 3.45pm-4.45pm - Crafty Kids Club - 'Here
Comes The Sun' 5-11's Craft
Thursday 30th May 11.00am-11.30am - Story Time 'Here Comes
the Sun'

New Eltham Library

Southwood Road, SE9 3QT Tel: 020 8850 2322

Regular activities

Thursday 2.15pm-3.15pm (stay longer if you wish) - Knit & Natter
Supporting Battersea Dogs & Cats Home knitting
blankets for the animals.

Children's Activities

Monday 2.30pm-3.00pm - Baby Rhyme Time
Tuesday 10.30am-11.30am - Messy Morning
Thursday 10.30am-11.00am - Baby Rhyme Time

Half Term Spring Crafts

Friday 31st May 2.30pm-3.30pm

Adult Learner's Week

Thursday 23rd May 2.15pm-3.15pm - Knitting Know How -
Come & try your hand at plain & pearl stitch over
a cup of tea & a chat

Crime Reading Group

Monday 29th April 5.30pm-6.30pm - discussing 'The Dark
Adapted Eye' by Ruth Rendell. Please note New Eltham
is not meeting in May their next meeting is on.

Plumstead Library

232 Plumstead High Street, SE18 1JL Tel: 020 854 1728

Regular Activities

Monday 4.30pm-5.30pm - Brain Teaser Madness
Tuesday 10.30am-11.00am - Baby & Toddler Rhyme Time
10.30am-11.30am
Thursday 2nd May 10.30am-11.30am - Create your own Fiery Phoenix
10.00am-12.00pm - GUPSHUP - An Asian Women's
Coffee Morning
4.30pm-5.30pm - Homework Club

Adult Events

Monday 6th May 2.00pm-4.00pm - Age UK Greenwich &
Bromley Information Afternoon
20th May 2.00pm-4.00pm - Age UK Greenwich & Bromley
Information Afternoon
20th May 10.00am-12.00pm - How to use the Internet
Thursday 23rd May 10.00am-12.00pm - Make a Sparkly Bracelet

Slade Library

Erindale, SE18 2QQ Tel: 020 8854 7900

Regular activities

Friday 3rd May 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter
(Refreshments provided)

Reading Group

Thursday 30th May 7.00pm-8.15pm - Discussing 'The Guernsey
Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society' by Mary Ann Shaffer

Half Term Craft activity

Friday 31st May 3.00pm-4.00pm - Come & join in our fun
summer crafts, games & activities, children of all
ages welcome!

Children's activities

Monday 3.45pm-5.00pm NEW! Chatterbooks - Monthly reading
& activity club for 8-11 year olds
Next meeting 13th May
Tuesday 10.00am-10.30am - Rhyme Time
Saturday 10.30am-11.30am - Messy Morning different themes
every week

West Greenwich Library

Greenwich High Road, SE10 8NN Tel: 020 8858 4289

Thursday

1st Thursday of the month 7.00pm-8.00pm Adults
(16yrs+) Creative Writing Group - Refreshments
available. Beginners very welcome!

Children's activities

Monday 1st Monday of the month 4.30pm-5.30pm - Chatter
Books Reading & Activity Group for 8-12 year olds.
Tuesday 10.30am-11.00am - Baby Rhyme Time
Thursday 10.30am-11.30am - Messy Morning (simple craft
activities for young ones)
2.30pm-3.00pm - Rhyme Time
4.30pm-5.30pm - Manga Group (9yrs+)
Draw & discuss your favourite characters
10.30am-11.00am - Baby Rhyme Time

Friday

Half-term messy morning activities
Thursday 30th May 10.30-11.30 - Marble-effect & splatter painting
for young children & a more advanced activity for older ones.

Reading Groups

Monday 13th 5.45pm-6.45pm - Book to be discussed
'Moon Over Minneapolis' by Fay Weldon.
New members welcome!
1st Thursday of the month 5.45pm-6.45pm - NEW!
African/Caribbean Reading Group. Book to be discussed
'The Scholar' by Courtia Newland. Please contact your
library on 020 8858 4289 for more details.
Thursday 2nd May 5.45pm-6.45pm - Discussing 'The Scholar'
by Courtia Newland

Woolwich Centre Library

The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ Tel: 020 8921 5749

Regular activities for Adults

Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm - Learn Direct Training Centre.
Professional IT Training, Basic Skills & advice
Monday 10.00am-4.00pm - Next Steps. Help with finding
your next job
11.00am-12.00pm - English Express. Mutual Conversation
group to help beginners gain confidence in spoken English
Tuesday 10.00am-4.00pm - Right Futures. Help with employment
& advice
Wednesday 10.00am-12.00pm - Knit & Natter. Knit while chatting to
friends, keeping your mind active
Saturday 9.15am-10.15am - How to use a Computer. Learn the
basics of IT & computer use
11.00am-3.00pm - Stop Smoking Advice
Help & advice from the NHS / Charlton Athletic

Regular Children's & Teen Activities

Monday 10.00am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am - Baby Rhyme Time
4.30pm-5.30pm - Manga Group
Tuesday 10.30am-11.00am - Story Time
4.00pm-5.00pm - Japanese Mothers Group
Wednesdays 4.00pm-5.00pm - Together Senses Arts
Thursday 10.00am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am - Baby Rhyme Time
4.30pm-5.30pm - RASCALS After School Club
Friday 10.30am-11.00am - Messy Morning
Saturday 10.00am-10.30am & 11.00am-11.30am - Baby Rhyme
Time 'Sing-Along-Dads' - Dads & male Carers welcome

E. Nesbit Festival - Messy Mornings

Friday 3rd May - Make your own 'Lift & Flap' Railway
Children Train
Friday 10th May - Make your own Magical Creature

E. Nesbit Festival - Story Time

Tuesday 7th May - Dragon Story Time

Events for the May Half-Term Holiday for Children

Tuesday 28th May 10.30-11.00am - 'Here Comes the Sun' Story Time
Thursday 30th May 4.30pm-5.30pm - Make a Japanese Fan,
Japanese Craft & Games Activities
Friday 31st May 10.30am-11.00am - 'Here Comes the Sun'
Baby Crafts

Reading Group

Wednesday Last Wednesday of the Month 12.30pm-1.30pm -
Lunch Time Reads

Woolwich Centre Reading Group

Wednesday 29th May 12.30am-1.30am - Discussing 'Things Fall
Down' by Chinua Achebe



CHICKEN RUN: costumes included this poultry effort, a great white shark (left), and right, lady in red, Peppa Pig and a clown



It's all over for another year... Teams of street cleaners
36,000 runners who passed through the borough

Going the

THE London Marathon marked the beginning of a new race to raise funds for local athletes hoping to make it to the Rio Olympics in 2016.

The Greenwich Starting Blocks charity held a breakfast on board the Cutty Sark to launch the drive, attended by Zoe Smith, the Abbey Wood weightlifter who was supported by the trust in reaching the London Olympics last summer.

Gemma Gibbons - the Charlton judo star who won a silver medal at the 2012 Games - was another success story, along with Andy Barrow who made it into the wheelchair rugby team at the Paralympics.

Gemma and Zoe will both be hoping to make the cut for the second time, and upcoming athletes tipped for Rio in three years include Jonathan 'JJ' Webb, the 16-year-old fencing ace from New Eltham who has risen to British No.1 and sixth in Europe in his age group.

Two sisters from Eltham are also in the running for 2016. Fourteen-year-old gymnast, Ellis O'Reilly is currently ranked No.2 nationally in her class, and her big sis, Jenna, 17, is a boxer.

Jenna represented Great Britain in the Junior European Boxing Championships in 2012 and is current national and school girls champion.

Meanwhile, teams of royal borough street cleaners tidied up the hundreds of thousands of plastic bottles and other debris left along the marathon route, (pictured right).

The first seven miles of the race take place in the borough, starting in Greenwich Park and Blackheath before taking in Charlton, Woolwich and the Cutty Sark.

● Find out more about Starting Blocks at www.greenwichstartingblocks.org



BLADES OF GLORY:
double amputee and
Team GB paralympian
Richard Whitehead





WHEEL POWER: wheelchair athlete is on course, while right, the Kenyan runners were predictably strong



runners at the London Marathon cleared up after the
h, and it was also the start of a new race - to Rio...

extra mile



MARA-HALF-THON: Mo Farah completed half the race before his bid to win it in 2014



CUTT THROUGH: runners navigate Cutty Sark Gardens. Right, trustees (including Jim Martin who ran the marathon, second from right) and Zoe Smith at Starting Blocks breakfast

That's a real team effort

THE Mayor's marathon team raised more than £4,000 for charity, and despite injury setbacks which prevented him from training the full distance, John Baker stayed the course and finished in four hours 49 minutes.

John, (pictured below) told GT: "I had lots of problems with my legs, which meant I had only run 18 miles in training. I hit 'the wall' at about 20 miles, but I made it to the finish.

"At the end I said I'd never do it again, but now I've had time to recover I'd be up for doing it again."

There were no such doubts for Caroline Ashbourne, who crossed the line after four hours 31 minutes.

She said: "The following morning I registered for next year's charity!

"At mile 21 it was a sea of fatigue and pain, but I thought, I've just got to get on with it. I couldn't remember going through Canary Wharf, I thought I still had it all to do - you're really pushing your body and your brain plays tricks on you."

The team raised the money for the Alzheimer's Society, with Michael Suckoo recording the fastest time - three hours and one second.

Olivier Tang finished in five hours 15 minutes, Tanla Hayes in 4:56, Delroy Hurst in 4:55, Matt Wales in 5:20, Gary Lea 4:30, and Jack Woolf in 5:48.



WONDER WOMAN: runner dressed as comic book hero

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**Closing date: Tuesday 14th May 2013
Interviews: Friday 17th May 2013**



Now we're singing it to the choir

A BLACKHEATH singing group marks its first birthday with a concert at St Alfege's Church this summer.

The Blackheath Centre for Singing was started by Joel Thomas, last June, and now has more than 80 members.

Joel told us: "I was inspired to start the group to create more singing opportunities in Blackheath and Greenwich."

The group sings a variety of different styles, and meets at Mycenae House community centre every Monday and Wednesday.

The concert is at the Greenwich town centre church on June 29.

Joel added: "It starts at 7.30pm. We will perform classical repertoire, including Dvorak's Mass in D."

And Joel is always on the lookout for new members. Choir membership costs from £20 a term (11 sessions) for students and concessions, up to £60 for regular folk.

For more info call 07986 582 844, or go to www.BlackheathCentreForSinging.com

African show in Charlton

AN African-themed evening of art and music is on at Charlton house on May 16.

It's to open African Reflections, artist Alvin Kofi's new exhibition, and is on at the Mulberry Tea Rooms at the SE7 venue until May 31.

The night kicks off at 6.30pm, and includes a talk by the artist, a performance by Ghanaian Marimba Player King Bozie and food by Amma's Fare Restaurant.

Entry is free. For more information and to book a place, call 020 8858 9497

SCENE



RAISING HIS GAME: Second Floor founder Matthew Wood

SECOND Floor Studios and Arts founder Matthew Wood personifies all that is great about the British art scene – he's enthusiastic, inclusive, and above all, he's got vision.

He started the not-for-profit company on Greenwich High Road in 1997, letting 15 rooms to local creatives. Now it's the biggest studio provider in the UK, with 250 artists' spaces on Woolwich Dockyard.

"We are a social enterprise and here to champion non-commercial artists from every discipline – painters, print-makers, sculptors, cabinet-makers and jewellery makers by giving them an affordable place to work in," Matthew told *Scene*.

With studio spaces disappearing from London and the UK, Matthew says Second Floor provides a home for a group of people who bring real value – both commercial and cultural – to the areas they inhabit.

"In London we are losing space faster than it's being delivered for arts and crafts people. Artists naturally move into the cheaper districts because it's all they can afford. Then they act as catalysts for those areas – they make them safe, they make them viable they give them the vibrancy that

No rich pickings for Hall

IT WAS the best of stand-up, it was the worst of stand-up. It was an evening of sharp humour, it was an evening of cheap jokes. It was an opening of great promise and a second half of despair. It was Rich Hall at a sell-out Blackheath Halls.

It started off brightly. "Comics play the Halls twice, once on the way up and once on the way down," he wryly observed. "Thanks for having me back." He's clearly a natural, at ease with himself, his affinity with the audience, immediate. He began as a stand-up at the top of his game, with signature deadpan delivery. American born, he still lives in Montana and cultural differences form the heart of his act. From politics – "We had Mitt and Newt and you have two regional managers from Toni and Guy" – and religion, to gun laws and shopping ("why do the Brits put shoe repairs and keys cut together"), no subject is safe from his barbs.

A particular favourite was the equine food scandal. "It's a sad state of affairs when you can't take your children for a nourishing meal

at Ikea," he quipped. In search of material he turned to his audience, the front row obliging. Two lawyers, a student, a transport contract manager and a couple, perennially engaged. "No pressure," he said to the couple's male half, "but why don't you propose to this beautiful girl?" (To Hall's obvious and utter astonishment, he actually did in the second half. We went into the break with one of Hall's trademark ballads, his wry observations on England. From tattooed Liverpudlians and under-dressed Geordies, no city escaped his attention.

He should have stopped there but sadly he didn't and from there on it went downhill fast. One-liners aside – "only the British would buy insurance from a meerkat" – his material was weak and in desperation, he turned back to the audience. But the marriage proposal aside – she said yes by the way – the audience had run dry and he sought refuge once again in his ballads. This talented man has more to offer than this and we all went back home disappointed. 5/10

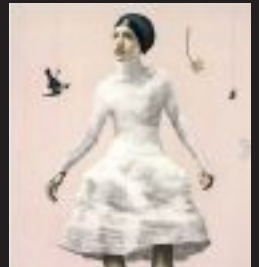
Dick Morgan



An art complex in Woolwich has grown into the biggest in the UK. ROD KITSON went to find out more, ahead of an open studio event next month

Home is where the art is

CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD: Seb Cox (left) and Liam Treanor run their bespoke furniture business from Second Floor. Below, a coffee table by Bertram Whitford



ART TO ART: two works by Le Guo, and centre, one by Sandra Ackermann

developers like, but then the developers move in, and artists can no longer afford the rents."

There's a chance for the public to get an artist's eye view of what goes on at the sprawling site on Harrington Way, with the **Open Studios** weekend, which takes place from May 17.

"It's an engagement project for us," the 41-year-old said. "It allows the public to come and see crafts people in their private work space, it also allows our members the chance to talk about and sell their work."

It's a free event which runs twice a year. This time there's an exhibition

of furniture, with 40 pieces from Second Floor's residents.

Cabinet-maker

Seb Cox, 26, said:

"It's got great facilities here, when we moved here from Lincoln it was exactly what we needed."

Studio pal and fellow wood-worker Liam Treanor, 25, added: "London was where we needed to be to get our business off the ground, and this place is perfect."



Second Floor comprises five old factory buildings, and is also home to a gallery.

The spaces are all full now, and the next phase of the project – building 150 more spaces – is about to begin.

And the studios cater for a surprisingly large number of local artists.

"We did a survey, and discovered that 68 per cent of our members live in the borough," Matthew said. "We also have artists from all

over London and Kent and Essex. I think they come here because of the spec of the build.

"People here are using this space for intellectual, philosophical, cultural and personal endeavours – it's very broad."

The studio is doing a take on the Royal College of Art's 'Secret Postcard' sale, where punters pay £20 to buy a postcard by artists unknown, which is also being launched at the Open Studios weekend.

Open Studios is on at SFSA, Harrington Way, from May 17-19.

Opening night Fri 5-9pm,

Sat-Sun 11-6pm. Free entry.

More info at www.secondfloor.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

To enter a listing email gnlipski@hotmail.co.uk or call 020 8921 3992

OLD ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE

Trinity Laban Concert Series: Gaspan Hunt and Atsuko Kawakami Piano. Tues May 7 1pm-2pm. FREE. 020 8269 4747

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ELTHAM

NSPCC Craft Fair. Sat May 4 Church in Bercta Road hosts bric-a-brac sale. 10am-2pm. FREE. 020 8859 0599

GREENWICH HERITAGE CENTRE

This Eltham of Ours. Until May 18 FREE exhibition of old Eltham between 1910 and 1920. Tues-Sat 9am-5pm. 020 8854 2452

BLACKHEATH HALLS

Rumpelstiltskin and the Wheel of Fortune/Sat May 4. Live puppet show from Grimm's tale about a shrewd and masterful dwarf. 3pm. Tkts £7. 020 8463 0100

UP THE CREEK

Sunday Specials. Suns through May Comics take to the stage to make the crowds laugh. 8.30pm. £6/£4. 020 8858 4581

GREENWICH MARKET

Craft and Design Market. Sat May 4-Mon May 6. Arts and crafts stalls in the town centre. 10.30am-6pm. FREE. www.greenwichhospital.org.uk

PELTON ARMS PUB

The Bit in the Middle - Open Mic night. Sun May 5 Musicians invited to showcase their material in front of a live audience. 4pm. FREE. 020 8858 0572

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

Alien Revolution. Until Sun Sep 8 Displays and screenings exploring humans' fascination with alien existence. 10am-5pm. FREE.

ELTHAM PALACE

Art Deco Fair. Sat May 11 and Sun May 12 Visitors can purchase original 1930s objects. 11am-4pm. £9.90/£5.90 concs. 0870 333 1181

DISCOVER GREENWICH

Thames Barrier Print Studio Exhibition. Until Weds Jun 26. Exhibition of print making with more than 100 pieces. 10am-5pm. FREE. 020 8312 6608



CUTTY SARK AND NATIONAL

MARITIME MUSEUM **Pirate Party. Sun May 5** SHIPMATES and swashbucklers are invited to the Cutty Sark and National Maritime Museum's annual pirate party on Sunday May 5.

The land-lubbing event has activities for all ages including music and storytelling, arts and crafts workshops, map drawing, treasure hunts, telescope making, and even gives visitors a glimpse of real pirates from centuries past. All the events run between the two sites

of the Cutty Sark and NMM throughout the day, and visitors are encouraged to deck out in their favourite pirate gear, as there's a prize for the best fancy dress to be handed out at the end of the day.

The Pirate Party is on Sunday May 5 from 11am to 4pm and is suitable for all ages. Admission is free with entry (£12 adults, £6.50 children, family ticket £20) and activities alternate between the Cutty Sark and National Maritime Museum. 020 8312 6608. www.rmg.co.uk

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Edition 337

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BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

2

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

4

Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

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Gallions HA

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Ref Number: 130046
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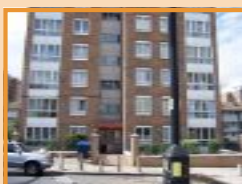
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Ref Number: 177607
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Ref Number: 177617
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Rad C /H
£125.17pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 177638
**Canterbury Hse
Wharf St SE8**
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H Entry phn
No pets 1 pkg space
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Ref Number: 177652
**Canterbury Hse
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Ref Number: 177477
**Plantagenet Hse
Leda Rd SE18**
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Lifted Rad C/H
Min 1 chn any age
£115.10pw Band C



Ref Number: 177479
**Webb Ct
Attlee Rd SE28**
2 Bed 7th Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H
Entry phn No pets
£102.06pw Band C

HEXAGON HOUSING CANTERBURY HSE

- 1 Open Plan Kitchen
- 2 Electric Cooker
- 3 1 Alloc Pkg
- 4 No pets
- 5 Gas C/H



Ref Number: 177637
**Canterbury Hse
Wharf St SE8**
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Lifted Rad C/H
Entry phn No pets
£114.66pw Band C



Ref Number: 177642
**Canterbury Hse
Wharf St SE8**
2 Bed 6th Flr Flat
Lifted Rad C/H Entry phn
Min 1 chn any age
£129.88pw Band C

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Ref Number: 177609
Edge Hill SE18
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
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Ref Number: 177612
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Entry phn No pets
£114.66pw Band C Ref



Number: 177655
**Canterbury Hse
Wharf St SE8**
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Affordable Homes

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Cross Ct Titmuss Ave SE28
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 Lifted Rad C/H
 Entry phn No pets
£137.54pw Band C



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 177695
Genesta Rd Plumstead SE18
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 Unlifted Rad C/H
 No pets
£152.39pw Band C



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 177697
Lord Roberts Terr SE18
 3 Bed House Gdn
 Rad C/H
 Min 2 chn 1 under 16
£180.00pw Band C



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 72496
Tuam Rd SE18
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 Rad C/H No pets
£152.39pw Bands A&B

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Changes to the rents and tenancies of some advertised housing association properties.

Affordable Housing

Currently the rent level for the properties you see advertised in Greenwich Homes is significantly lower than full market rents in private sector housing.

From now you will now be seeing some housing association properties advertised for higher rents, up to eighty percent of the market rent. These rents will also include the service charge that you will need to pay for the property. We will use the phrase Affordable Housing on the adverts to help you identify these properties.

Please note the Council will continue to advertise all the homes it owns at the standard rent level.

You can bid for properties advertised as Affordable Housing in exactly the same way as for other advertised properties. If you are successful the housing association may want to check you have enough income to pay the higher rent, whether you are working or on benefits. If you are currently a housing association tenant the rent you pay on your present home will not be affected by this change.

Fixed term tenancies

You will also notice that the tenancies for Affordable Housing and some other housing association properties may now be for a shorter period than the present lifetime tenancies offered by housing associations. The phrase Fixed term tenancy will be used in the adverts to identify these properties. The tenancy details will be explained to you if you are successful when you view the property.

Please think about these changes when bidding for an Affordable housing property and make sure you can afford the home that you choose.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 334

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Cedar Court Fairlawn SE7 7EH	3	FLAT	55	22/10/2010	B
Fairlawn Court Fairlawn SE7 7DT	2	FLAT	516	24/11/2009	C
Kingsground SE9 5EX	2	FLAT	114	18/03/2011	B
Hengist Road SE12 9EE	0	FLAT	398	10/07/2008	C
Hengist Road SE12 9EE	0	FLAT	350	05/03/2010	C
The Oaks SE18 7JS	2	FLAT	356	30/11/2009	C
Openshaw Road SE2 0TB	2	MAISONETTE	42	07/12/2012	B
Tivoli Gardens SE18 5PD	1	FLAT	604	17/07/2009	C
Merryfield SE3 0SJ	3	MAISONETTE	92	15/09/1993	A
Admaston Road SE18 2TR	1	FLAT	53	28/02/2013	B
Chesterford House Portway Gardens SE18 4PF	1	FLAT	50	27/02/2013	B
Baldrey House Blackwall Lane SE10 0EY	2	FLAT	40	28/11/2012	B
Panfield Road SE2 9DQ	3	HOUSE	149	18/02/2010	B
Old Clem Square SE18 4DR	1	BUNGALOW	365	02/04/2004	C
Gregory Crescent SE9 5RZ	2	FLAT	84	28/03/2011	B
Alnwick Road SE12 9BD	2	HOUSE	491	02/11/2005	C
Cedar Court Fairlawn SE7 7EH	3	FLAT	469	15/08/2007	C
Elm Tree Court Cherry Orchard Estate SE7 1DP	3	FLAT	35	12/03/2012	B
Barnes Terrace SE8 3BD	3	HOUSE	95	18/10/2011	B
Downe House Springfield Grove SE7 7TR	2	FLAT	36	01/11/2012	B
Harrow Manorway SE2 9XJ	2	MAISONETTE	42	12/03/2012	B
Ann Street SE18 7LU	1	FLAT	No eligible bids		
William Barefoot Drive SE9 3JD	1	FLAT	73	29/05/2009	B

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The city tennis club at your service

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regularly," Susie said. "I had become a bit rusty so it's great to have these facilities just around the corner. I'll either join the club or pay and play, whatever suits me best."

Cllr Peter Kotz, cabinet member for cultural and creative industries, told GT: "A marvellous turn-out for the launch of the club showed how people are keen to take advantage of the various aspects of our Olympic legacy."

"Together with the lido and BMX track, Hornfair Park will be somewhere special for people to go this summer and for generations to come."

Three more open days will be held at the city tennis club at Hornfair Park during the summer and four at the club in Eltham Park.

● Visit greenwichcitytennis.com for more detailed information about the two clubs or contact Steve Johnston on 0875 133 510



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fun to learn
at the launch
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wich City
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at Hornfair
Park



ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH The Greenwich (Prohibition of Stopping Outside Schools) (Amendment No. 21) Order 2013

CAMIROSE STREET & MANTON ROAD

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich on 24th April 2013 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Order will come into operation on 1st May 2013.

2. The general effect of Order will be to provide 'school loop clear' restrictions, that will apply between 8am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive as:

- (a) Camirose Street, the west side, from a point 32.00 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Manton Road southwards for a distance of 25.00 metres; and
- (b) from a point 70.70 metres south of the southern kerb-line of Manton Road southwards for a distance of 25.00 metres; and
- (c) Manton Road, the south side, from a point 29.50 metres west of the western kerb-line of Camirose Street westwards for a distance of 25.00 metres.

3. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 3884.

4. The Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, W8Q.

5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
SE18 6HQ

Dated 30th April 2013
(Signature: [illegible])

ROYAL BOROUGH OF
GREENWICH

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 74) Order 2013

The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (No. 5) (Amendment No. 28) Order 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich on 24th April 2013 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Order will come into operation on 1st May 2013.

2. The general effect of the waiting and loading restriction Order will be to provide double yellow lines at any time' waiting restriction, in Westcombe Hill, the west side, between a point 21 metres north of the party wall of Nos. 172 and 174 Westcombe Hill and a point 11.85 metres south of that party wall.

3. The general effect of the free parking places order will be to provide two free parking places that will operate 'at any time' in Westcombe Hill, the west side:

- (a) from a point 21 metres north of the party wall of Nos. 172 and 174 Westcombe Hill to a point 38 metres north of that party wall; and
- (b) from a point 11.85 metres south of the party wall of Nos. 172 and 174 Westcombe Hill to a point 26.85 metres south of that party wall.

4. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 6024.

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The club of aces!

City tennis 'hub' is there to serve YOU

by Peter Cordwell

THE rejuvenation of sleepy old Hornfair Park was completed this month with the launch of the borough's second Greenwich City Tennis Club.

The new "tennis hub" - sister to the one long-established in Eltham Park - joined refurbished Charlton Lido and the BMX track as one of the borough's best Olympic legacies.

More than 50 people of all ages attended the launch on April 13 for some basic coaching and fun activities that included a 'Beat the Machine' challenge.

Susannah Hickling, who lives in Greenwich and took her nine-year-old son Joshua, told GT: "It was the first time he had had the chance for some

coaching and he really enjoyed it.

"He spent an hour and a half there and you could see in that time what progress he made. He had only batted the ball around on court before so this was a new experience for him.

"He worked with a proper qualified coach who taught him how to place himself on court and follow through with his racquet. It was really quiet special. He'd love to go again and join the club."

Susie Rowe, who lives in Kidbrooke, told GT she had previously played "quite seriously" and also happened to be in the England cricket team.

"I love tennis and just want to play more

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WHAT A RACQUET: youngsters improve their tennis skills at the opening of the City Tennis Club at Hornfair Park

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